

REMARKS

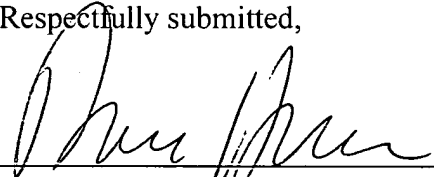
In the Office Action dated December 27, 2002, the Examiner required a restriction of claims for examination purposes under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Applicant elects without traverse Group I, claims 1-20, drawn to a secretion suctioning device, and cancels without prejudice Group II, claims, 21-24, drawn to a kit provided with a secretion suctioning device .

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests examination of the current application consisting of Group I, claims 1-20, as identified in the Office Action.

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